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今後の手続きについては、下記2を参照すること。

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1. この見解書は次の内容を含む。

- 第I欄 見解の基礎
- 第II欄 優先権
- 第III欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解の不作成
- 第IV欄 発明の單一性の欠如
- 第V欄 PCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に規定する新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についての見解、それを裏付けるための文献及び説明
- 第VI欄 ある種の引用文献
- 第VII欄 国際出願の不備
- 第VIII欄 国際出願に対する意見

2. 今後の手続き

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見解書を作成した日

27.07.2005

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2. この国際出願で開示されかつ請求の範囲に係る発明に不可欠なスクレオチド又はアミノ酸配列に関して、
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a. タイプ 配列表
 配列表に関連するテーブル

b. フォーマット 表面
 コンピュータ読み取り可能な形式

c. 提出時期 出願時の国際出願に含まれる
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4. 棚足意見：

第V欄 新規性、進歩性又は産業上の利用可能性についてのPCT規則43の2.1(a)(i)に定める見解、それを裏付ける文献及び説明

1. 見解

新規性 (N) 請求の範囲 1-5 有
 請求の範囲 _____ 無

進歩性 (I S) 請求の範囲 1-5 有
 請求の範囲 _____ 無

産業上の利用可能性 (I A) 請求の範囲 1-5 有
 請求の範囲 _____ 無

2. 文献及び説明

引用文献1. JP 10-206529 A (松下電工株式会社) 1998.08.07, 全頁、全図

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引用文献3. JP 8-169288 A (カルソニック株式会社) 1996.07.02, 全頁、全図

請求の範囲 1-5 にかかる発明について

請求の範囲 1-5 には、超音波センサにおいて、複数の有底筒状体の底部の外底面が1つの面状に位置する状態で各々の側面の底部よりの側面部分同士が連結を介してつながっていることが記載されており、これらの点は、上記引用文献いずれにも、記載も示唆もされていない。